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The news arriving by way of London with
regard to the existing crisis in the Far East
has within the past few weeks been "see
sawing" between good and bad, between
peace and war. It is difficult even to make
out what the general opinion of the better
informed home Press is on the chances of a
pacific issue. Quite recently the prospect
has been declared gloomy. War has been
judged possible, probable, even inevitable.

Yesterday, however, REUTER'S second tele-
gram, dated the 22nd instant, and published
in another column to-day, announced a
more hopeful feeling regarding the Far East
in Japan itself and the absence of informa-
tion in London of the imminence of war.

This sounds satisfactory, but unfortunately it
only carries on the see-saw movement of
rumour of which we have spoken. From
the North we have not received any news
either way since our Kobe correspondent's
message of the 20th instant. In Hongkong
it seems the generally accepted idea in ser-
vice circles, especially among those who
have visited the North lately, that an out-
break of hostilities cannot be avoided and,
indeed, that it must occur very soon. It is
felt that the situation is now such that only
two alternatives remain, that Russia must
give way or Japan must present an ultimatum
with which Russia will refuse to comply—not a very different situation, it may
be remarked, from that of a couple of
months ago. Only the wonderful patience
of the Japanese Government and nation has
managed to protract matters so long. It is
impossible to hope, and also absurd to
wish for an indefinite further protraction
of the present strain. Our London corre-
spondent, in his telegram dated the 23rd
instant, tells us that Great Britain and

France are in active communication with
Japan and Russia, and that mediation on
their part is possible. Nevertheless, it is
very hard to see how France and ourselves,
though both most earnest in the desire to
avoid a rupture which threatens to involve
both, and perhaps destroy the greatly im-
proved relations now existing between the
two nations, can discover a satisfactory and
lasting settlement between the two Powers
that are struggling for the lead in the North
of Asia. There is such a gulf between
Russia's pretensions and Japan's demands
that it looks a superhuman task to bridge
it over. Were Russia more tractable the
position of affairs would be very different.
One of the really hopeful factors in the
situation is the apparent adhesion of the
Chinese to the Japanese side, which all the
most recent news from the North appears
to indicate. The *North-China Daily News*
points out that the educated Chinese gen-
erally took little or no interest in the war
between China and Japan, but they seem
curiously enough to be even more interested
than the Manchus themselves in recovering
Manchuria from the grasp of Russia. The
importance of this is impossible to exaggerate.
A hostile China cuts at the com-
munications between Port Arthur and
Vladivostock with European Russia. At
its full value it cancels the value of the
Trans-Siberian line; at its least, it detaches
a vast number of Russian troops from the
front in North-East Asia. When writers
indulge in prophesies about Russia adopting
a Parthian policy and retiring inland only
to return in overwhelming force, they
ignore the fact that the destruction
of the railway absolutely stops advance
overland and necessitates Russia securing
maritime supremacy to counteract
the blow. There has been a great deal of
loose talk about the inevitability of an
ultimate Russian victory. What this is
based on, we cannot conceive. Nevertheless
we should be very sorry indeed to see Japan
insist on war, except as the last resource,
that is, to avoid relegation to the rank of
secondary Powers. And we trust it is not
necessary again to insist that the downfall
of Japan would effectually sweep away with
it the remaining traces of British influence
in Northern Asia. Britain cannot afford to
see Japan crushed by Russia. Apart from
all questions of honour and the obligations
of treaties, it would be a most disastrous
step, politically and commercially, for
Britain to acquiesce in the absolute para-
mounty of Russia in the north of this
great continent of Asia. It is a welcome
piece of intelligence that H.M.S. *King*
Alfred, the powerful sister ship of the
Leyland, is coming out here soon, and may
remain with the British squadron on the
station. H.M.S. *Centurion* may be in Hong-
kong in about a week's time, a fact which
we overlooked when writing on the 22nd
instant on the neglect to increase the British
fleet in these waters. Nevertheless, we
should still compare unfavourably with
Russia, more particularly when her ships
now in the Mediterranean arrive.

Christmas is looked on and written of com-
monly as a period of peace. Unluckily it
has far more often of late years been a
season of alarms and of threats of war, if not
of actual warfare. The year 1903 closes like
many of its immediate predecessors amid
anxiety and dread, and every day is felt to
be a possible black date in history, the
forerunner of months of terrible and relent-
less hostilities. Yesterday's wire news seems,
however, to offer some hopes of the avoid-
ance of such a catastrophe.

To-day being Christmas Day, there will be
no issue of the *Hongkong Daily Press* to-morrow.

The next number will appear on Monday
morning, the 28th inst.

Twenty-five years ago to-day there was a
great fire in Hongkong, in which no less than
368 houses were destroyed, together with a vast
quantity of other property.

Messrs. J. and P. Coats, of thread fame, have
applied for the registration in Hongkong of a
representation of a rabbit as their trade mark,
as sole proprietors thereof.

A special service will be held in St. Peter's
Church, Queen's Road West, on Christmas
morning at 10 o'clock. The offertory will be
devoted to the Shipwrecked Fishermen and
Mariners' Society.

One of the latest ways of smuggling Chinese
into the United States is sending them in cars
engaged for shipping horses. Six Chinese
were so sent into Boston last month, but they
were discovered.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt from Mr.
M. Noma, Consul for Japan, of a copy of the
Financial and Economical Annual of Japan,
issued in English by the Japanese Department
of Finance and printed at Tokyo. It is an
extremely useful book of reference, full of
interesting information, and has been prepared
with great care.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE FAR EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, 23rd December, 2.35 p.m.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE ATTEMPT
MEDIATION.

Great Britain and France are in active
communication with the Japanese and
Russian Governments, and mediation is
possible.

BRITISH NAVAL REINFORCEMENT.

H.M.S. *King Alfred* has been commis-
sioned to take naval reliefs to the China
squadron, and it is expected that she will
remain on the station.

[The *King Alfred* is a sister-ship of the
Leyland, but was built by Vickers at Barrow
instead of Brown at Clydethank. She was
slightly less expensive, costing £1,013,772
against the *Leyland's* £1,043,917. Her figures
are:—Displacement, 14,000 tons; i.h.p. 31,555;
armour, 6-5-in. belt, 24-in. deck, 5-in. bulkhead,
6-in. gun-position (Krupp steel); guns, two
9.2-in., sixteen 6-in., fourteen 12-pdr., three 3-pdr.,
and nine light; torpedo-tubes 2; speed 23.46
knots to trial.—ED. D.P.]

MANILA.

MANILA, 24th December, 5.18 p.m.

GOVERNOR TAFT'S FAREWELL.

15,000 from the Army, Navy, and Con-
stabulary, and strong delegations from the
provinces and the Labour Unions, escorted
Governor Taft from the Malacanan Palace
to the Luneta, where 50 steam launches
accompanied him to the *Gaelic*. He arrives
in Hongkong on the morning of the 27th,
the *Gaelic* connecting with the *Korea*,
which will await her.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE FAR EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, 22nd December.

The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent at
Nagasaki wires that the Government has given
notice that they will require all the dry docks
in the country for the fleet. The warships
have begun docking and cleaning in turn.

LATER.

There is a more hopeful feeling regarding
the Far East prevalent in the best informed
circles in Japan. London has not received any
information indicating that war is imminent,
although it is undeniable that the situation
continues grave and is affecting trade to some
extent. Nothing is known about the reports
that the Japanese in England have been warned
to be in readiness to return home.

WAR RISKS.

LONDON, 22nd December.
The rate on war risks at Lloyd's is now forty
guineas per centum.

POLO.

SCOTLAND v. IRELAND.

Contrary to expectations the polo match at
Causeway Bay on Wednesday between the
above teams proved a very one-sided affair;
however, a fast game ensued.

First chukker.—From the throw-in Ross
got away and scored a subsidiary goal. After
the hit-out, give and take play took place in the
Irish ground. His Excellency relieving time
and again with well-placed shots. The Irish
defence being stubborn and the Scotch attack
persistent, no more scoring took place till four
minutes had gone, when Simpson scored a
beautiful goal with a long shot for Scotland.
From the throw-in Carlton made a brilliant
run down and scored a subsidiary goal, being well
supported by his No. 1 riding off the opposing
back. This ended the first chukker.

Second chukker.—From the hit out Ross
went down and scored a goal. Practically the
whole of this chukker was played in the Irish
ground, their defence completely breaking down
under the Scotch attack. The latter played
well together and marked their opposite mem-
bers perfectly. The game ended in an easy
win for Scotland by 4 goals and 2 subsidiaries to
2 subsidiaries. Teams:—

Scotland:—Mr. F. H. Lyon, R.N. (4)
Mr. C. H. Ross (3); Lt. Simpson (2), and Mr.
J. Johnston (1).

Ireland:—Mr. T. Hastings (4), H.E. Mr.
May (3), Capt. Carleton (2), and Lt. Knox, R.N.I.

The final between England and Scotland will
probably be played on Saturday week.

CRICKET.

H.E. MR. MAY'S TEAM v. CAPTAINS AND
COMMANDERS OF THE FLEET.

Played on the club ground, commencing at
ten o'clock yesterday morning, the above match
ended in a win for the Captains and Com-
manders of the Fleet. The Acting Governor's team
was a strong one, but suffered defeat. Com-
Nicholas scored 7 wickets for 24 runs in their
first innings. The band of the *Vengeance*
was in attendance during the match. Scores:—

MR. MAY'S TEAM.

First Innings. Second Innings.

Major Chichester, b Farquhar 3

Capt. Davies, b Nicholas 10 not out 65

Mr. Fletcher, c sub, b 10 not out 7

Nicholas 8 0 and b Farquhar 35

Dr. Atkinson, c sub, b 0 and b Farquhar 35

Farquhar 1 0 and b Farquhar 35

Mr. Tracy, c Watson, b 1 0 and b Farquhar 35

Nicholas, c sub, b Farquhar 1 0 and b Farquhar 35

Mr. Rhodes, c and b Farquhar 1 0 and b Farquhar 35

Mr. Ponsonby, not out 23

Hon. G. Stewart, c Far-
quhar, b Nicholas 0

H.E. Mr. F. H. May, c
Shelford, b Nicholas 3

Capt. Hurley, c Gaunt,
b 3

Mr. B. E. O. Bird, c Far-
quhar, b Nicholas 0

Extras 12 Extras 3

Total 78 Total (2 wickets) 113

First Innings. Second Innings.

Com. Farquhar, b Davies 0 not out 34

Com. Watson, c Atkin-
son, b Davies 16 c sub, b Stewart 52

Com. Loy, c Ponsonby,
b Chichester 0 run out 14

Com. Nicholas, b Chiche-
ster 36

Com. Shofford, b Chiche-
ster 0

Capt. Stewart, b Davies 0

Com. Kiddie, b Davies 22

Com. Gaunt, c Davies, b

Chichester 2

Com. Smyth, run out 3

Com. Gregory, not out 0

Extras 2 Extras 12

Total 81 Total (2 wickets) 142

Capt. Stopford did not bat.

Innings declared closed.

The following teams will play in the match
H.K.C.C. v. the United Services, commencing
at 11 a.m. to-day.

H.K.C.C.—J. T. Dixon, William Dixon,
H. Hancock, R. Hancock, J. E. Lee, F. Maitland,
E. Mast, T. Scourne Smith, W. C. D. Turner,
A. G. Ward, and A. N. Other.

United Services—Sub-Lieut. Barron, R.N.,
Mid. Campbell, R.N., Major Chichester,
D.A.A.G., Sub-Lieut. Corrane, Lieut. Heath
110th Mahr. L.I., Capt. Harris, R.M.A., Lieut.
Hawkins, R.N., Mr. Horsey, R.N., Mid. Irwin,
R.N., Lieut. Rimington, S.F., and Mr.
Williams, R.N.

THE PREVENTION OF MALARIA.

A paper was read at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, London, on the 16th November, by Major Ronald Ross, Professor of Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool, on "Malaria in India and the Colonies." Sir George Goldie presided, and amongst those present were Sir F. Swettenham, Governor of Straits Settlements, Sir Patrick Manson, Sir W. Robinson, former Governor of Hongkong, Sir Woottman D. Pearson, M.P., Professor W. J. R. Simpson, and Mr. J. S. O'Halloran (secretary).

The Chairman, in a short opening address, reviewed some recent events of interest to the Colonies and dependencies.

Major Ross then read his paper, in the course of which he said:—Science has fully established three great laws concerning malaria: First, that it is caused by numbers of microscopic parasites which live and propagate themselves in the blood; secondly, that these parasites are carried from sick persons to healthy ones by the agency of a genus of mosquitoes called *Anopheles*; thirdly, that these kinds of mosquitoes breed principally in shallow and stagnant terrestrial waters. It has been recognised for centuries that malaria is connected with marshes; and this fact was long explained by the hypothesis that the malarial poison emanates from such waters—whence, indeed, the name malaria. The hypothesis, however, was never verified by experiment, and we now know it to have been not precisely correct. The germ of the disease itself does not originate from the marsh, but the carrier of the germ—the *Anopheles*—does so. How accurately this discovery fits the circumstances may be gathered from the fact that yellow fever also is carried by mosquitoes, but is not connected with marshes, because the insects which convey it, and which are called *Stegomyia*, do not breed in terrestrial waters, but in tubs and pots lying in the vicinity of houses. And the laws referred to have recently been still further vindicated by the actual extirpation of malaria on a large scale by measures adopted against the implicated mosquitoes. Preventive measures against malaria should be clearly divided into two classes—namely, those which the individual can adopt to protect himself against infection, and those which a state or municipality may adopt in order to protect the public at large. On the whole, I think that, for the tropics at least, mosquito-nets constitute the most useful prophylactic. It will be the experience of almost everyone who has lived in the tropics that the majority of mosquito-bites are inflicted during the sleep of the victim. This is especially the case with *Anopheles*, which is a nocturnal mosquito. I suppose it would be incorrect if we estimated that at least 90 per cent. of the bites of this mosquito are given at night in the case of persons who do not use nets. It has already been reported from many malarious localities that the mere knowledge which we possess regarding the mode of infection by mosquitoes has, if at all, sufficed largely to reduce malaria amongst educated Europeans and others who take intelligent advantage of the facts which science has revealed. For example, of the numerous gentlemen who have recently been investigating malaria in the most deadly climates, very few have become infected, and many of them inform me that their only protection has been the mosquito-net. Another precaution, scarcely less useful, is that afforded by the use of punkahs and fans. These not only drive away most noxious insects, but keep the body cool and comfortable even in the greatest heat of the tropics. Indeed, I am inclined to attribute the comparative health enjoyed by Europeans in India largely to the constant use of the punkah, and the comparative unhealthiness of the European in Africa largely to the neglect of it. A prophylactic which is much advocated consists in the constant use of quinine. This drug cannot really be said to be a preventive against malaria, because, as a matter of fact, it does not exclude the parasites, but only destroys them after they have effected an entry into the body. To be of real benefit, it must be consumed constantly, and in considerable doses, and this is apt to impair the digestion and have other unpleasant effects which the individual is always loth to expose himself to. On the whole, I consider it to be of much less value than the mosquito-net. A forth personal, or rather domestic, prophylactic is the wire gauze screen to the windows, and it is one which is very useful where it can be employed. Unfortunately, few Europeans in the tropics own the houses in which they live, and still fewer are willing to go to the considerable expense involved by these screens. They should, however, be employed for hospitals, barracks, railway stations, rest-houses, hotels, and places where measures against mosquitoes are too difficult and costly. It is to be regretted that such screens, which are so largely employed for private houses in the Southern States of America, are not more used in the better class of houses in our tropical possessions. Lastly a precaution, which also can scarcely be called one for individual adoption, is that of segregation. It is well known that the mosquitoes acquire the infection principally from native children in malarious places; and consequently the further we live from this source of contagion the healthier we are likely to remain.

State measures for the repression of malaria have already been tried in Sierra Leone, Havanna, Lagos, Ismailia, the German Colonies, Hongkong, and many other places. They are: (1) Drainage of the soil; (2) Other measures against mosquitoes; (3) Attention to many details suggested by the recent discoveries. In the medical report for Hongkong for 1902, it is said that the deaths of Chinese from malarial

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
IN CHINA.

The annual meeting of this Association was held on the 17th inst. at 1, Yueming-yuen Road, Shanghai. The retiring President (Dr. A. P. Parker) was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs. Murray Warner (Vice-President), A. C. Hunter (Treasurer), A. W. Danforth (Hon. Secretary), J. N. Jameson, C. E. Fiske, P. W. Irvine, C. S. Leavenworth, and C. C. Baldwin (members of the Committee), Dr. Colton, Dr. Lacy Sipes, Dr. J. C. Ferguson, Dr. Burchell, Dr. Gilbert Reid, the Rev. Dr. Fleming James (Messrs. S. Fessenden, Dr. Lattimore, Reed, A. W. Bush, C. Starman, N. E. Bryant, H. de Gray, L. S. Webb, E. H. Hinrod, W. Hammond and G. Ohlinger).

After the usual formal business, Mr. A. C. Hunter read the Treasurer's statement. This showed a balance in hand of \$955.33 as against \$255.63 at the beginning of the year. The statement of accounts was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman then read the report of the Executive Committee as follows:—

Since the last annual meeting of the association, several subjects of importance have been treated by the Executive Committee. In the first place, in regard to the matter of the extension of the domestic rates of postage to the U. S. Postal Agency at Shanghai and to the cities in China served through that agency, the sincere appreciation and thanks of the Committee and members of the Association have been conveyed to the Consul-General of the United States at Shanghai, to the Postmaster-General and to the Superintendent of Foreign Mail for their action in the matter. The societies referred to, might then be submitted to Government for consideration. Commissioners of this kind would cost less, and, not being servants of Government, would be able to give entirely unprejudiced opinions. There is no doubt that this suggestion is a valuable one. Mr. Chamberlain also thought that there would be no difficulty about the regular publication of statistics. He should like to see the disease reduced in every tropical town as it had been reduced in Havana, Lagos, and Ismailia; and there was no reason why this should not be done.

SHIPPING NOTES.

THE N.Y.K.

A fine new vessel for the N. Y. K., the *Nikko-maru*, underwent her trial a few days ago, with results credit to her builders, the Mitsu Bishi Co., and satisfactory to the N.Y.K. The speed attained over the measured mile was 17.76 knots, and this was easily maintained. The *Nikko-maru* will be formally handed over to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha about the end of this month, and will be taken up to Yokohama. From that port she will make her maiden trip to Australia, sailing about the middle of January. The fitting of the vessel is proceeding apace.

The steps taken to replace the N.Y.K. steamer *Teshio-maru*, which sank off Kitami in Hokkaido, have ended in failure, and the vessel is consequently likely to become a total loss. She is of 1,106 tons gross, and was built at the Kawasaki Shipbuilding Yard, Kobe, in 1901.

STRONGEST TUG EAST OF SUEZ.

The Robert K. is a new ocean-going tugboat, recently built by the Osaka Iron Works Company of Osaka, Japan, for the Asiatic Gulf and Pacific Company. She is at present en route to Manila. The new boat is finely modelled craft, built of steel, her dimensions being: length 125 feet; breadth, 24 feet; and depth, 22 feet. She is fitted with engines of over 500 horsepower each, and carries large pumps for salvage purposes. Shipping men, a Manila contemporary says, are of the opinion that she is undoubtedly the most powerful tug east of Suez.

THE "SAVIO"

The H.A.L. steamer *Savio*, which stranded outside Nagasaki harbour on the 17th October last, has been thoroughly repaired at the Mitsu Bishi Dockyard.

WASHING.

Admiral Starch's flagship *Petropavlosk*, the Poltava, the Bayarin, the Hobro, and 4 destroyers are now at Chemulpo, while the cruisers *Rossia*, *Rurik*, *Gromoboy*, and *Bogatyr* are at present at Vladivostock. The remainder of the Russian squadron are now gathered at Port Arthur. It is reported that two of those at Vladivostock will shortly proceed to Port Arthur, the other two being ordered to pass the winter months at the Siberian port.

The Italian cruiser *Vettor Pisani* and *Piemonte* will stay at Nagasaki for about two months.

THROWN ON HER BEAM ENDS.

The steamer *Ilio Jun Maru*, which arrived at Victoria from Yokohama recently, had a very stormy voyage. For five days she was rolling in the trough of the sea, being thrown from her beam ends with her port rail buried under water. It was feared for a time the vessel would turn turtle, but outside of a flooding she sustained little damage.

PEKU AND THE ORIENT.

A consular report from Lima, Peru, says that the local Chinese residents have promoted a new steamship company called the Compania Maritima Occidental a Vapor, with the object of opening a new steamship service between Peru and the East. At present marine communication is confined to the round-about route via North America. It is true that there is one Italian sailing vessel plying between Callao, Peru, and Hongkong, but she makes only two voyages a year, a single voyage lasting two or even three months. Then, Japanese steamers, carrying emigrants, make occasional trips to Peru, but they only connect with the Orient.

Another matter which has come before your committee has been the question of the issuing of new steamship company called the Compania Maritima Occidental a Vapor, with the object of opening a new steamship service between Peru and the East. At present marine communication is confined to the round-about route via North America. It is true that there is one Italian sailing vessel plying between Callao, Peru, and Hongkong, but she makes only two voyages a year, a single voyage lasting two or even three months. Then, Japanese steamers, carrying emigrants, make occasional trips to Peru, but they only connect with the Orient.

Necessity not having arisen for an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association, none has been called in 1903.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 8 a.m. on the 23rd inst., and left again at noon same day for Yokohama, where she was due to arrive at 1 p.m. on the 24th inst.

The H.A.L. steamer *Badenia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., and may be expected here on the 28th inst.

Executive Committee and met a most cordial reception, the Viceroy expressing his desire that the cordial relations existing between China and the United States might be augmented and their commerce extended.

Apart from the heavier business of the Committee, it gives us great pleasure to refer to the banquet which was given under the auspices of this Association to the U.S. Treaty Commissioners, Messrs. E. H. Conger, John Goodnow, and John F. Seaman at the Shanghai Club on Thursday, 22nd October, 1903. In the history of this Association these social meetings have always been functions which have brought together in happy reunion and fraternal friendliness those who are proud to call themselves citizens of the United States of America. The banquet last October was no exception to the rule, and the general verdict was that the spirit of true Americanism pervaded the occasion. Minister Conger was unable to be present, but sent his regrets to the Association and his thanks for the kind and helpful consideration which they had always shown to him. The President of the Association, Dr. Parker, was also obliged to be absent on account of the meeting of the Conference of his Mission at Soochow. In his absence, the chair was ably filled by the Vice-President, Mr. Murray Warner. The Commissioner, Present, Messrs. Goodnow and Seaman, made interesting speeches in regard to the new treaty, which will be found in the first issue of our Journal for 1904, and happy remarks were made by others.

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A letter from New York merchant asking for the names of manufacturers in China who imported their raw materials from the United States has been referred to your committee for consideration. The names of firms using raw cotton, lumber, and tobacco have, therefore, been forwarded in response to the enquiry.

Another matter of importance which has come before the committee has been the question of the separation of the consular and judicial functions of the United States Consulate-General at Shanghai. On account of the increasing amount of business which falls to that Consulate-General and the inadequate number of the members of the staff, the necessity is obvious for the establishment in Shanghai of an U.S. Supreme Court for China. A judge appointed by the President for such a Court would be able to relieve the Consul-General of the great burden of judicial work falling to his share. The precedent of the action of the British Government in separating the judicial from the consular functions can be cited. A communication has, therefore, been addressed to the Secretary of the American Asiatic Association requesting that the committee of that Association forward proposals to that effect to the Department of State.

Another matter which has come before your committee has been the question of the issuing of new steamship company called the Compania Maritima Occidental a Vapor, with the object of opening a new steamship service between Peru and the East. At present marine communication is confined to the round-about route via North America. It is true that there is one Italian sailing vessel plying between Callao, Peru, and Hongkong, but she makes only two voyages a year, a single voyage lasting two or even three months. Then, Japanese steamers, carrying emigrants, make occasional trips to Peru, but they only connect with the Orient.

In this connection we may quote a short extract from the report of a recent address delivered by Prof. Jenks before the Japan Economic Association, which puts the currency reform of the Orient in a nutshell. The Professor said, among other things: "In brief the plan proposed by the United States is to secure as soon as possible for the people of China, and those other Oriental countries now on a silver basis, a currency composed of silver and copper in circulation, which, however, shall be maintained at a fixed value with gold."

In spite of this prospect of reform, the present is regarded as a time of crisis in the affairs of the Far East. A pessimist has been defined as a man who, of two evils, prefers both, but there is likewise a dangerous kind of optimism which disregards the plain dangers in the path.

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Probably the most serious interference with American interests is the disturbed condition of affairs in Manchuria, political and commercial: a rapidly growing business with that part of China has been interfered with, much to the loss of manufacturers of cotton goods in America and to merchants in China. It is estimated that the shrinkage of imports of American cotton goods, when the figures of this year are compared with those up to the corresponding date of last year, reaches approximately 2,000,000 pieces. The deficiency is in goods which were mainly intended for Manchuria and other parts of North China.

This condition of affairs in Manchuria is a menace to trade which will be regarded with the deepest attention. The serious condition which confronts American trade is, therefore, seen. It can be noted at a glance from the figures quoted that it would probably be much better to keep the sovereignty of China as it was before the Russian occupation, even with the corruption which then prevailed.

In considering the increase of American enterprises in China, we note with interest that the section of the Yen-chuan Railway between Canton and Fatschan has been opened in November of this year. It is, however, with humiliation and regret that Americans learn from the public print that the controlling interest in this great enterprise has passed into other than American hands.

A Company under the title of the "China Investment and Construction Company of America" has been formed in the United States with the object of securing concessions to build railways and operate mines in China. A representative of the Company has lately arrived in Shanghai to begin negotiations for his syndicate.

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The Guaranty Trust Company of New York is the latest of the American banks to establish a branch at Shanghai. As banking facilities multiply it is hoped that the day of an improved currency in China will be hastened. The foreign traveller is now complaining of the loss he suffers from the inequality in values of the different Treaty Ports of currency notes issued by the foreign banks doing business in China. A note issued say at Shanghai may be at a disadvantage when offered at another Treaty Port to cancel a debt.

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A. O. GOURDIN,
D. G. Secretary.
Hongkong, 25th December, 1903. [3552]

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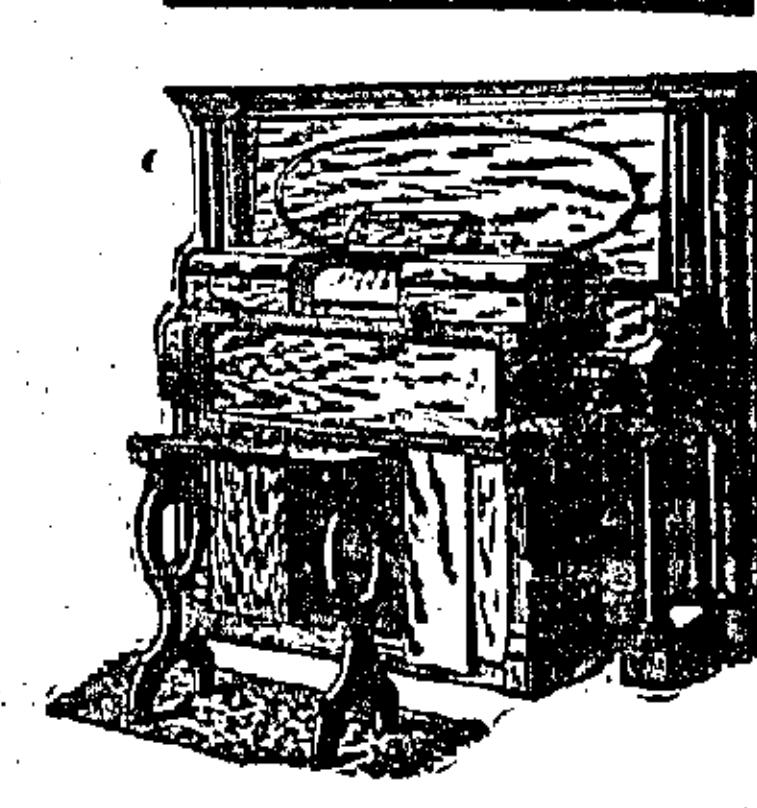
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Letters intended to go by this route should be posted not later than the Wednesday in each week, so as to catch the fast Russian boat from Shanghai to Daimi which leaves Shanghai every Sunday.

The Post Office will be closed on Christmas Day, the 25th and Boxing Day, the 26th inst.

There will be one delivery each day and a collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, all outgoing mail will be closed at 9 a.m.

On Friday, the 1st prox., the Post Office will be open from 8 till 9 a.m. and on the arrival of the English Mail for one hour.

On Saturday, the 2nd prox., the Post Office will be open until 10 a.m. for the disposal of the English Mail to Europe.

The Money Office will be entirely closed.

The Polynesia, with the French Mail of 27th ult. left Singapore on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. This packet brings replies to 8 a.m. and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 30th inst.

A supplementary mail for the above will be closed on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 9 a.m.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PEB	DATE
Honam	Friday, 25th, 7.30 A.M.	
Kinshun	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Huan galan	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Chiyuen	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Michael Jensen	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Mongkul	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Tai Chuan	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Hoifu	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Wingchau	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Sze Yap	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Hailan	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Louisa Maru	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Longer Castle	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	
Yiksong	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.	

FOR	PEB	DATE
Fatshan	Saturday, 26th, 7.30 A.M.	
Iubi	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
Heungshan	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
Hoi Fu	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
Wingchau	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
An Poh	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
Tai Chan	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
Sze Yap	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
Pitakulek	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
Simongan	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
Hutun	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
Yochow	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.	
Sze Yap	Sunday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.	
Poway	Sunday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.	
Tai Chan	Sunday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.	
Hoi Fu	Sunday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.	
Wingchau	Sunday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.	
Honam	Monday, 28th, 7.30 A.M.	
Amoy	Monday, 28th, 11.00 A.M.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Monday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.	
Shanghai	Monday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.	
Kongmoo, Kunchuk and Samshui	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.	
Canton	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.	
Nantao	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.	
Sanbua	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.	
Macao	Monday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.	
Canton	Monday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.	
Canton	Tuesday, 29th, 9th,	
Manila	Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 A.M.	
Europe, &c., India via Tatiocorin	Registration, 10.00 A.M.	
Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.	(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)	

FOR	PEB	DATE
Salazie	Wednesday, 29th, 3.00 A.M.	
Heungshan	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Sze Yap	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Kaya Maru	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Tai Chan	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Hoi Fu	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Wingchau	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Pawan	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Honam	Wednesday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.	
Victoria	Wednesday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.	
Nanang	Wednesday, 30th, 1.15 A.M.	
Heungshan	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.	
Sze Yap	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.	
Kaifong	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.	
Tai Chan	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.	
Hoi Fu	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.	
Wingchau	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.	
Chingtu	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.	
Kinshun	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Heungshan	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Sze Yap	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Tai Chan	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Hoi Fu	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Wingchau	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cocktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Canton	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Macao	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Kongmoo, Kunchuk and Samshui	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Canton	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Macao, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Strait and Calcutta	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Macao	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Kongmoo, Kunchuk and Samshui	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Manila	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Nantao	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Sanbua	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Macao	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Kobe	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Shanghai, Chemulpo, Dalney and Port Arthur	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Manila	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Yokohama, Kobe and Tsingtan	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Europe, &c., India via Tatiocorin	Registration, 10.00 A.M.	
Late Letters 1.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.	(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)	

FOR	PEB	DATE
Kiaochow	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Empress of China	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.)	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.	

TO-MORROW, Performance, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

24th December.

ON LONDON.—Telegraphic Transfer, 1.81 Bank Bills, on demand, 1.82% Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 1.81% Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 1.81% Credits, at 4 months' sight, 1.81% Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight, 1.81%

ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand, 2.05% Credits, at 4 months' sight, 2.19%

ON GERMANY.—On demand, 1.75%

ON NEW YORK.—Bank Bills, on demand, 4.1% Credits, 60 days' sight, 4.2%

ON BOMBAY.—Telegraphic Transfer, 1.97 Bank, on demand, 1.97%

ON CALCUTTA.—Telegraphic Transfer, 1.27 Bank, on demand, 1.27%

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, at sight, 7.1% Private, 30 days' sight, 7.2%

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand, 8.83% Nominal.

ON MANILA.—On demand, Nominal.

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand, Nominal.

ON BATAVIA.—On demand, 1.03% 1.04 p.c.m.

ON HAPONG.—On demand, 1.01 p.c.m.

ON SAIGON.—On demand, 6.63%

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French mail, left Singapore on the 23rd inst., at 7 a.m., for this port via Saigon.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The T.K.K. steamer Rosetta Maru left Manila at 2.30 p.m., and is expected here to-day, at 5 p.m.

The T.K.K. steamer Hongkong Maru left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, &c., on the 3rd inst.

The P.M. steamer China left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, &c., on the 12th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer Gregory Appear, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on 22nd inst., p.m.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer Polynesia, with the next French mail, left Singapore on the 23rd inst., at 7 a.m., for this port via Saigon.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer Gastic sailed from Nagasaki direct to Manila on the 19th inst., at 7 a.m. She is due at Manila at 3 p.m., Wednesday, and is expected here on the 28th inst., probably, depending on promptness of unloading at Manila.

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THE FRENCH MAIL.

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [276]

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T. P. COCHRANE,
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Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [280]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH,
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Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [20]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [295]

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Hongkong, 16th October, 1902. [34]

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [3436]

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